1997-98 to 2005-06 under the provisions of Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act.

(c) Government is implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme in 250 districts of 20 states of the country for the rehabilitation of children withdrawn from hazardous occupations. Under the scheme, these children are put into special schools where they are provided with accelerated bridging educations, vocational training, mid-day meal, stipend and health care facilities etc.

(d) Under the scheme, at present, 3.43 lakh children are enrolled in the special schools and 4.57 lakh children have already been mainstreamed into formal education system since the inception of the scheme.

Safe drinking water in the country

†1179. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even today 20 per cent population in the country is devoid of safe drinking water;

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken in this regard during the last three years;

(c) the amount Government have already spent for providing safe drinking water in the last three years;

(d) the steps Government have taken to provide sufficient technical support for drinking water scheme; and

(e) whether any amount of assistance has also been received from abroad and United Nations for this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pending loan applications/sanctions under SGSY in A.P.

1180. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending loan applications/ sanctioned loan applications and the loan disbursed under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) in various States, particularly Andhra Pradesh as on 31 st March, 2007;

(b) the reasons for keeping loan applications pending under SGSY for very long period; and

(c) by when all the loan application under SGSY are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL) (a) During the year 2006-07 in Andhra Pradesh,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.